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**Azerbaijan joins the outcome document
of the 4th International Day of Women and Girls in Science Forum**

On 27 February 2019, Ambassador Yashar Aliyev, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations signed the outcome document of the 4th International Day of Women and Girls in Science Forum.

The document outlines a number of important measures aimed at boosting women and girls' participation in sustainable development and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Azerbaijan has always been committed to promoting women's rights and empowering women and girls, which has been translated into solid policies and improved services in the recent years, stimulating greater progress in women's representation across all sectors, as well as in their overall quality of life.

Yet in 1918, Azerbaijan introduced universal suffrage, thus becoming the first country in the Orient granting women the right to vote.

Azerbaijan's political support to this document is a vivid manifestation to the national policy of furthering gender equality and women's rights. Equal opportunities are provided to all individuals wishing to participate in study, research, innovations, projects and other STEM-related activities, the advancement of which is one of the priorities on the country's development agenda.

A number of tech incubators and hi-tech parks successfully operate in different regions of Azerbaijan, bringing innovative technology start-ups together and supporting them through tax-based incentives, partnerships, funding and stimulating environment. These spaces empower women and girls with resources to grow.

Recently, 15-year-old Reyhan Jamalova, who has invented a product called Rainergy, which is designed to harvest energy from rainwater, has been cited at the 8th Global Entrepreneurship Summit held in India. Reyhan has also won an Honourable Mention at the Model UN Conference in Azerbaijan and made it to the final stage of the competition at ClimateLaunchpad, Europe's largest green business idea competition. Reyhan is included in the Forbes "30 Under 30" list of industry, manufacturing and energy entrepreneurs in Asia.